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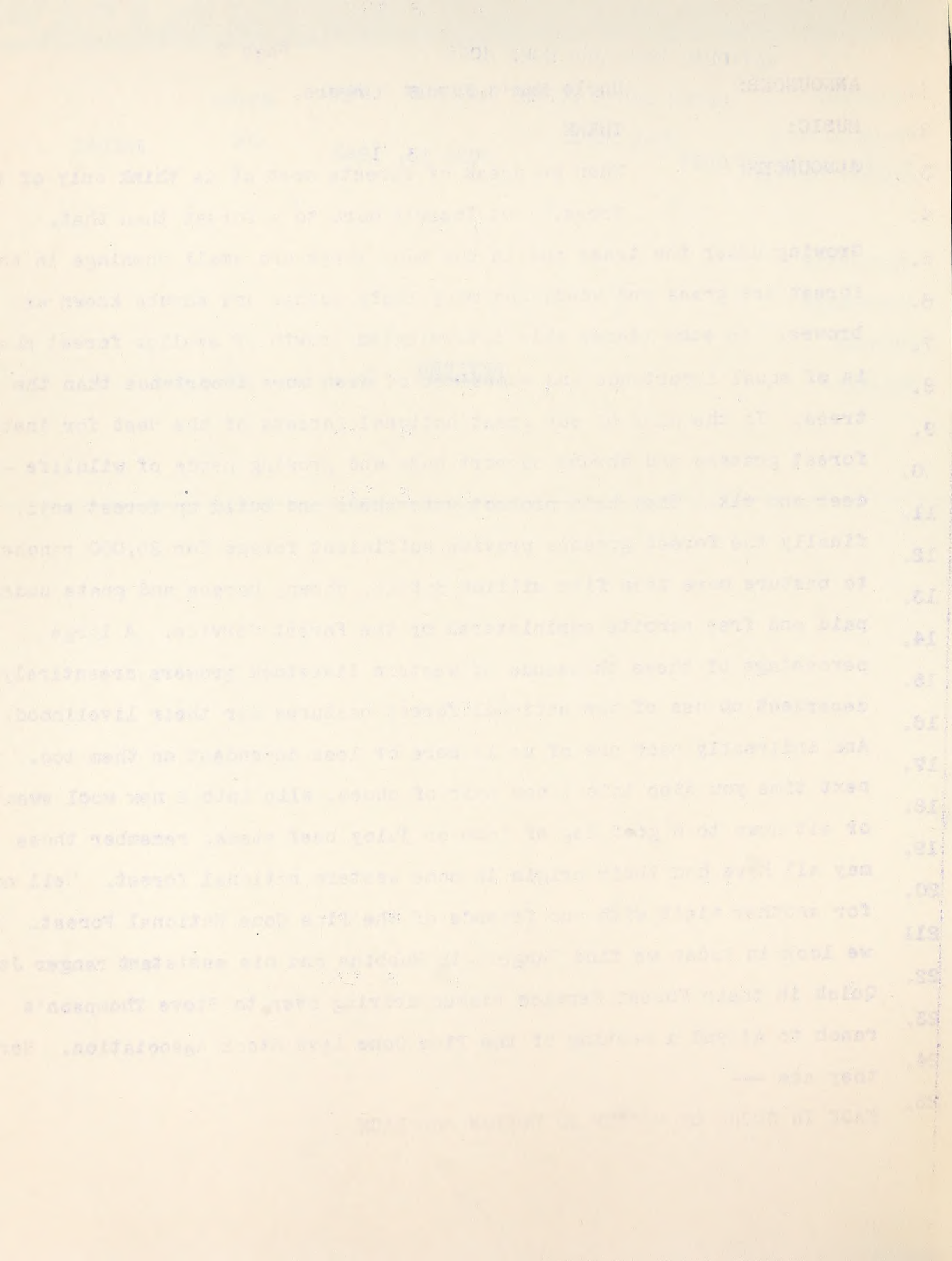
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1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers. got a chance in a million.

2. MUSIC: THEME Thompson's got all the members primed and doctored

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4. trees. But there's more to a forest than that.

5. Growing under the trees and in the many large and small openings in the

6. forest are grass and weeds and many leafy bushes and shrubs known as

7. browse. In some places this intermingled growth of smaller forest plants

8. is of equal importance and sometimes of even more importance than the

9. trees. In the case of our great national forests of the West for instance,

10. forest grasses and shrubs support huge and growing herds of wildlife --

11. deer and elk. They help protect watersheds and build up forest soil. And

12. finally the forest grasses provide sufficient forage for 25,000 ranchers

13. to pasture more than five million cattle, sheep, horses and goats under

14. paid and free permits administered by the Forest Service. A large

15. percentage of these thousands of western livestock growers are entirely

16. dependent on use of the national forest pastures for their livelihood.

17. And indirectly each one of us is more or less dependent on them too. The

18. next time you step into a new pair of shoes, slip into a new wool sweater,

19. or sit down to a good leg of lamb or juicy beef steak, remember those

20. may all have had their origin in some western national forest. Well now

21. for another visit with our friends of the Pine Cone National Forest. As

22. we look in today we find Ranger Jim Robbins and his assistant ranger Jerry

23. Quick in their Forest Service pickup driving over to Steve Thompson's

24. ranch to attend a meeting of the Pine Cone Live Stock Association. Here

25. they are ---

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MUSIC:

THEME

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2. Steve Thompson's got all the members primed and cocked
3. against it. For that?
4. JIM: U-m-m. a good talker, Jerry, maybe a better talker than
5. JERRY: As far as their voting to spend that money on a drift
6. fence is concerned we might just as well forget it.
7. JIM: (CHUCKLES) These fellows wouldn't be cowmen if they
8. weren't against a fence. That's a matter of tradition.
9. JERRY: Yeah but imagine...wantin' to spend the money on that
10. larkspur elimination project! Tryin' to dig out that
11. whole canyon full of larkspur there in Vessel Creek
12. with what they've got -- it's just plum crazy. Like
13. pourin' sand down a rat hole.
14. JIM: Well, it's for them to decide, but I'm not so sure
15. the other members on the board will fall for that idea
16. of Steve Thompson's, Jerry. These ranchers may seem
17. a little hard-headed and cantankerous occasionally
18. but by and large they've got a lot of good horse sense.
19. They're not gonna spend that money on anything
20. impractical.
21. JERRY: Well, if tryin' to dig that larkspur ain't impractical...
22. JIM: It's Steve Thompson's idea.
23. of Steve's house showin' up there ahead. I dunno
24. but I sorta got a hunch (PAUSE) this larkspur project's
25. gonna be knocked into a cocked hat.

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 of Steve's house shining on the road. I know
 but I gotta get a horse (GROAN) this Jarkspur project
 from the ranches here is soaked but

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 2. even elected him chairman of the association. How do
 3. you account for that?
 4. JIM: Steve's a good talker, Jerry, maybe a better talker than
 5. a rancher. But chairman or no chairman he's only got
 6. one vote out of the seven in the association.
 7. JERRY: He oughtn't to have any vote at all.
 8. JIM: In this country everybody's entitled to his opinion,
 9. Jerry.
 10. JERRY: Aw sure I know, Jim. I'm all for the democratic
 11. principle and I think these local livestock associations
 12. are one of the best things that ever happened to range
 13. management. But there's a limit, and in my estimation
 14. in this case we've reached it. Somebody ought to take
 15. ahold of Steve Thompson and kick him clean out of the
 16. association. The only reason he's for the larkspur
 17. eradication instead of the drift fence is because the
 18. drift fence would be right up against his land and
 19. it might inconvenience him some. He hasn't got the
 20. interest of the range or the group interest at heart
 21. at all.
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of Steve's house showin' up there ahead. I dunno

but I sorta got a hunch (TAD) this Larkspur project's

gonna be knocked into a cocked hat.

1. (SOUND OF PICKUP UP AND FADE)

2. SLIGHT PAUSE

3. SOUND OF PICKUP PULLING TO A STOP AND MOTOR OUT

4. JERRY: Looks like we're the last ones here. Steve's probably
5. got the meeting all started and over with. We might
6. as well stayed home.

7. JIM: (CHUCKLES) You're gettin' to be a confirmed pessimist,
8. Jerry. I'm gonna have to work on you.

9. J. HALL: (RANCHER ABOUT FORTY - QUIETLY) Howdy, Jim.

10. JIM: (SURPRISED) Huh? Howdy. Who is it? Steve?

11. JED: No, it's me, Jim. Jed Hall. Hello Jerry.

12. JERRY: Well howdy, Jed. You like to scared me to death.

13. JED: The rest of the boys are all inside. But I been
14. waitin' for you fellas to have a word with yuh before
15. yuh went in there.

16. JIM: H-m-m. What is it Jed?

17. JED: Well Jim, the less you say tonight the better. Don't
18. say nothin' less you're called on. That's gonna be
19. best for everyone.

20. JERRY: What the...say, what kind of a reception is this
21. anyhow? We've got a right to some say....

22. JIM: Take it easy Jerry.

23. JED: Yeah, I reckon it does sound sort of funny for me to
24. be givin' you advice like this. But you've known me
25. long enough to know it's well intentioned, Jim. If you
fellas just keep quiet and let the board thrash this
thing out tonight it'll come out best all the way around
in the end.

(GROANS IN STORM UP AND DOWN)

SLIGHT FAIR

SOUND OF ROCKS ROLLING TO A STOP AND MOTOR OFF

JERRY:

Looks like we're the last ones here. Steve's not here.
Got the meeting all started and even when we
at last moved home.

JIM:

(WHISPERS) You're getting to be a confirmed pessimist.
Jerry, I'm gonna have to work on you.

J. HALL:

(WHISPER ABOUT JERRY - OUTSIDE) Howdy, Jim.

JIM:

(WHISPERING) Howdy, Howdy. Who is it? Steve?

JED:

No, it's me, Jim. Jed Hall. Hello Jerry.

JERRY:

Well, Howdy, Jed. You like to see me to death.

JED:

The rest of the boys are all inside. But I hear

waited for you. I'll have a word with you later.

You want in there.

JIM:

Howdy, What is it Jed?

JED:

Well Jim, the boss you say tonight the boss. You

any nothing, I see you're called on. That's gonna be

just for everyone.

What's that... say, what kind of a reservation is this

anyway? We've got a right to have say...

That's all, Jerry.

Yeah, I reckon it does sound sort of funny for me

as living you and me like this. But you've known

long enough to know it's well understood, Jim. It

feels just keep quiet and let the house down. The

going out tonight it'll come out best all the way

in the end.

1. JIM: I think you know what you're talkin' about, Jed.
2. JED: Thanks Jim. I figured I could depend on you. Now
3. you fellas wait a minute and I'll go on in.
4. JIM: Okay Jed.
5. SLIGHT PAUSE WITH SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS GOING OFF
6. JERRY: (BOTTO) That's just the same as tellin' us we're not
7. wanted, Jim. And be George I'm mad. That's
8. cooperative money and we've got as much right...
9. JIM: Take it easy Jerry. Some of these things work out
10. funny and I got a feelin' everything here's gonna
11. work out all right in the end. We'll go in now and
12. when we get in there just act like all's well with
13. the world.
14. JERRY: (PADE) Well okay, but I'm tellin' you I'm sure burned
15. up inside.
16. MUSIC UP AND OUT
17. SOUND OF NUMBER OF MEN TALKING
18. SOUND OF GAVEL STRIKING TABLE
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I should you know what you're talking about, Joe.
When I said I figured I could depend on you. Now
you're like wait a minute and I'll go on it.

Okay, Joe.

Well, I'm not sure I can depend on you.

(JOE) That's just the same as telling me we're not

dependable, Joe. And so George I'm not. That's

cooperative money and we've got as much right...

...I'm not sure I can depend on you.

Okay, and I got a feeling everything here's gonna

be just the same as telling me we're not

dependable, Joe. And so George I'm not. That's

cooperative money.

(JOE) Well, okay, but I'm telling you I'm sure I can

depend on you.

JOHN: I'm not sure I can depend on you.

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STEVE
THOMPSON:

(RANCHER ABOUT FIFTY -- SMOOTH TALKER) Gentlemen, the
meeting will come to order. Since there's no old

business we might as well get along with the main reason for calling
this meeting. You all know the seven members on the board of directors
of the Pine Cone Livestock Association are here tonight with our friends
in the government, Jim Robbins and Jerry Quick who we can call on for
technical advice but who do not have a vote in the final decision....we're
here to decide the best use we can make of the \$1510.00 that's accrued in
the cooperative fund of the association. Twenty per-cent of the fees we
pay the government for runnin' our stock in the Pine Cone National Forest
goes to make up this fund and the money's to be spent the way we think
best to improve our national forest grazin' areas. The government gives
us members of the association the right to make the final decision with
the rangers settin' in as technical advisers -- which is all fair and
proper. I guess I mentioned that before but that oughta be clear at the
beginnin'. Now at the last meetin' Jim Robbins recommended we spend this
here hard earned money of ours on some kind of a drift fence across the
upper end of Willow Creek. But Jim ain't no cattleman -- every cattleman
like those of us here on this board of directors can claim to be, knows
that fences -- any kind of fences go against the grain of any cow whether
it's some old crossbred or a pure bred Hereford. And all us cattlemen
also know we gotta protect our cattle. We gotta protect 'em especially
from Polsinin' -- larkspur polsinin'. Instead of spendin' our money on
fences we're all agreed we need to spend it on cleanin' the larkspur outa
Weasel Creek. We first of all gotta protect out cattle. And without
goin' any farther let's put it up to a vote right now to use that money
against any more larkspur polsinin'.....

business we might as well get along with the main reason for calling this meeting. You all know the seven members on the board of directors of the Kansas Cattle Raisers Association are here tonight with our friends in the government, Jim Robinson and Jerry Quinn who we can call on for technical advice but who do not have a vote in the final decision. Here to decide the best use we can make of the \$150,000 that's been put in the cooperative fund of the association. Twenty per-cent of the money pay the government for running our stock in the Kansas National Forest. Good to make up this fund and the money's to be spent the way we think best to improve our national forest grazing areas. The government pay us wages of the association the right to make the final decision and the national association is a technical adviser -- which is all that we propose. I guess I mentioned that before but that ought to be clear at the beginning. Now at the last meeting Jim Robinson recommended we spend the money in building a dam on some kind of a little fence across the upper end of Willow Creek. But Jim didn't see a settler -- every settler like those of us here on this board of directors can claim to be, that fence -- any kind of fence go against the grain of any saw what it's now and crosshatched on a wire dead horse. And all we can do is know we gotta protect our cattle. We gotta protect 'em from poison -- Jim Robinson's poison. Instead of spending our money on fences we're all agreed we need to spend it on poison. The fence is a dead end. We think of all gotta protect our cattle. And without any further let's put it up to a vote right now to see that money

1. JED: Now just a minute, Steve. That's a right good speech
2. and I know you been makin' a good argyment all along.
3. But they's several things needs to be said that ain't
4. been said before this here business comes to a vote.

5. HUM OF VOICES, BACK, UP

6. SOUND OF GAVEL ON TABLE

7. STEVE: Jed Hall, you're out of order.

8. JED: Out a order or not outa order I'm gonna have my say
9. so, Steve. And it's just this. Spendin' this money
10. tryin' to dig all the larkspur out from among all the
11. grush and rocks in Weasel Crick canyon is as hair-
12. brained and useless as tryin' to shoot stars outa the
13. sky.

14. STEVE: Jed, you're plum crazy. Next thing you'll be sayin'
15. cows won't eat larkspur an' if they do eat it they
16. won't die.

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HUM OF VOICES, BACK UP

SOUND OF GAVEL ON TABLE

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Out of order or not out of order I'm gonna have my say

and I'm gonna have my say

trying to dig all the junk out from among all the

grain and rocks in 'lessen 'lessen 'lessen

trying to shoot stars out of

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Red, you're plain crazy. Next thing you'll be saying

down don't eat junk out of the bag, if they do eat it they

won't die.

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1. JED: You're blamed tootin'. That's just what I was
2. about to say. (HUM OF VOICES UP AND DOWN BACK)
3. There's enough good feed in Weasel Creek now under the
4. allowable stockin' set by Jim Robbins so the cows
5. don't need to eat larkspur and if they don't need to
6. eat it they won't eat it. That I know. I've had a
7. lot more experience in the cattle business than you
8. have and I'm tellin' you big losses from larkspur
9. poisinin' come from overstocked range. No self
10. respectin' cow's gonna bite into a hunk of larkspur
11. when they's plenty a good grass around. All the rest
12. of you fellas been so scared of poisinin' you been
13. keepin' your cattle outa Weasel Crick while I been
14. runnin' mine in there especially for the last ten
15. years. 'Fore we got the grass back on that range I
16. used to lose outa my 1200 head maybe one or two critters
17. a year. Since then -- durin' the past three seasons --
18. I ain't lost a single head.
19. HUM OR VOICES, BACK UP AND DOWN
20. SOUND OF GAVEL
21. STEVE: (CLEARS THROAT) Does that mean you're in favor of
22. that drift fence, Jed?
23. of the National Broadcasting Company with the
24. cooperation of the Forest Service, United States
25. Department of Agriculture.

You're blamed footin'. That's just what I was

about to say. (HUM OR VOICES UP AND DOWN BACK)

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SOUND OF GAVEL

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(CLEAR THROAT) Does that mean you're in favor of

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1. JED: As fer as the drift fence goes I ain't made no statement
2. one way or the other. (FADE) All I'm sayin' is I'm
3. agin wastin' money tryin' to dig out that erick bottom
4. full of larkspur.

5. PAUSE:

6. SOUND OF PICKUP IN MORION BACK (FADE IN)

7. JERRY: By George I still can't understand it, Jim. They
8. voted unanimously in favor of the fence, and we didn't
9. say a word.

10. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Uh huh.

11. JERRY: But it was unanimous Jim. Even Steve.....

12. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Steve keeps his nose to the wind, Jerry.
13. I told you he'd missed his callin'.

14. JERRY: But when Jed Hall Met us out there and told us not
15. to say nothin'.....

16. JIM: (YAWNS) Just the democratic process and hoss sense,
17. Jerry, Step on the pedal and let's get this gas wagon
18. back to Windin' Creek. (FADE) Tomorrow's another day
19. and we got a drift fence project to get under way.

20. MUSIC: FINALE

21. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each Friday
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